

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 16 of 2015

WHEREAS, the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair began in 1874, when Potter Township resident Leonard Rhone urged his fellow Grange members to host a one day "Pic-Nic" to let inform others of the Patrons of Husbandry organization;

WHEREAS, that one day "Pic-Nic" has now grown to a nine-day event, with 1,000 tents, 1,500 RV's, 324 concessions, 2 ride vendors, over 7,000 items on exhibit, with nationally known entertainers on the Grandstand, and a gate in excess of 200,000 visitors;

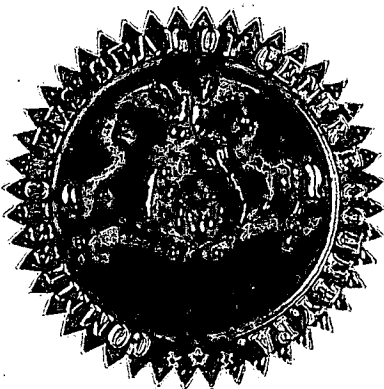
WHEREAS, this is the last Fair with an encampment in the nation;

WHEREAS, the Centre County Grange Fair is committed to showcasing agriculture, with exhibits and competition for livestock for beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry. The Fair encourages and supports the future of American agriculture by supporting the efforts of our County 4-H members as well as the FFA Chapters of each of our County High Schools;

WHEREAS, the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair is an economic dynamo, having an impact of 2.3 million dollars for the prior year, as well as employing some 300 people resulting in a payroll sum totaling more than \$490,000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Friday, August 21, 2015 through Saturday, August 29, 2015 as "Grange Fair Days" and encourages all citizens to attend the Great Grange Fair.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August, 2015.



CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Steven G. Dershem, Chairman

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ATTEST:

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Timothy T. Boyde, Director
Administrative Services